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British Medical Association

THE HOSPITAL POLICY

REVISION BY THE HOSPITALS COMMITTEE

Although, for reasons of economy, the number of meetings of the Hospitals Committee during the present session is reduced to three, the utmost use is being made of the time available. At the meeting on October 12th—and the same plan was provisionally fixed for future meetings—the committee sat both morning and afternoon. There was a full attendance, and London (five members), Scotland (two members), the North of England, Yorkshire, Lancashire, and the South and West of England (one member each) were represented around the table. Dr. Peter Macdonald of York, who since Sir Richard Luce's regretted illness has served as acting chairman, was unanimously elected to the chair. Steps were taken to secure, by co-option, a greater representation of physicians on the committee, surgeons already being well represented. The chairman and the Medical Secretary gave an interesting account of the recent conference which they had attended at Torquay of associations concerned in contributory schemes, a report of which appeared in the *Supplement* of October 15th.

The business which occupied the larger portion of the committee's time was the revision of the Appendices to the Hospital Policy, which deal with the conditions of admission and treatment of private patients in hospitals, contributory (or, better named, provident) schemes for private patients, and the medical staffing of hospitals. It is acknowledged that the Hospital Policy, although approved by the Representative Body only two years ago, needs constant revision to meet new conditions or to embody the results of increasing experience. Some of the distinctions therein drawn may be found to be too fine to be practicable; in other cases ambiguities may disclose themselves in the phrasing. It was felt at the end of the discussion, which lasted a couple of hours, that the revised phrasing, which, of course, will have to go for approval to the Council and the Representative Body, made the Policy more homogeneous, complete, and satisfactory.

The first of the Appendices considered for revision (B), in setting out the conditions of admission and treatment of private patients in hospitals, has hitherto made a distinction between those cases in which the special accommodation for such patients takes the form of private rooms or wards in a hospital which has both public and private wards in the same building, and those in which it takes the form of a separate home or hospital, provided exclusively for such patients, as an annexe to a hospital having public wards. In view of a position which has arisen particularly in connexion with the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, the committee rather reluctantly came to the view that this distinction is too subtle to be maintained. Therefore a new Appendix, drafted by the chairman, set out the conditions which should apply alike when patients are admitted in special buildings or in wards or private rooms, and when the visiting medical staff of the hospital is ordinarily responsible for the care of all the patients in the public wards. These conditions, as approved by the committee, were that the patient should be under the responsible care of a member of the visiting medical staff in association with the patient's private practitioner; that the latter should have free access to the patient and such share of responsibility and treatment as might be agreed upon between the member of the staff and the practitioner, and that where arrangements have been made by the governing body to permit the access of practitioners not on the staff to have responsible care of their own patients, the patient should be entitled to select any available practitioner, who, if the treatment of the case involves the application of special skill and experience, may be required to satisfy one or other of the three now familiar criteria.

It was also pointed out in the committee that this part of the Hospital Policy was drawn up with a view to consultant or specialist treatment being available in the hospital or annexe as the case might be, but what was now being widely sought was to establish that the kind of treatment which could be obtained in cottage hospitals or was given by general practitioners should be available in all hospitals. The committee also had before it in relation to this the instruction of the Annual Representative Meeting of 1932 that the Association should press at the earliest opportunity for general practitioners to treat their patients in general hospitals. It was felt to be desirable that a statement upon this position should be incorporated in the fundamental principles of the Association's Hospital Policy, and it was agreed that the following should be inserted in paragraph 3 of the Hospital Policy: "Accommodation should be provided in all

districts for the treatment of patients by general medical practitioners." From the brevity of the phrase it must not be assumed that the discussion leading up to it was also brief.

With regard to the Appendix (C) dealing with provident schemes for private patients in hospitals, it was felt that one paragraph needed modification, or possibly should be deleted—namely: "That the scheme should provide for free choice of doctor (attendant and specialist) by the patient." What the framers of the Policy had endeavoured to guard against was anything in the nature of a restricted panel, and free choice of doctor in the absolute sense, as understood in national health insurance administration, was not here a governing factor. It was agreed that the phrase should run, "the freest possible choice of doctor."

In the third Appendix under discussion (D) some redrafting was deemed to be necessary of the paragraph which read: "In order that further opportunities may be afforded to private practitioners to treat their own patients in hospital the unrestricted staffing of general hospitals of less than 100 beds should be extended." It was agreed that this wording should be amplified, so as to lay down first of all that in any scheme for the rearrangement or extension of hospital accommodation or usage beds should be set apart for the treatment of patients by general practitioners, that, following this, the provision already set out with regard to unrestricted staffing should appear, and, finally, that the arrangements already indicated in Appendix B with regard to the title of the patient to select any available practitioner, who must satisfy the required conditions when the treatment involved special skill or experience, should be brought into operation as soon and as widely as public opinion in the area permitted.

MODEL LETTER FOR OUT-PATIENT CONSULTATION

The chairman submitted the draft of a model letter for use in cases where a practitioner sends a patient to the out-patient department for consultation. The purpose was to emphasize the true function of the out-patient department—namely, for consultation and not for treatment that could be obtained elsewhere; and at the same time to guard against the possibility of the unauthorized use of the consultant's opinion for purposes of workmen's compensation proceedings. The letter from the practitioner addressed to the consultant medical officer at the hospital or clinic read: "I shall be obliged if you will give me, for my own use, your advice as to the diagnosis and treatment of . . . retaining him/her for in-patient treatment should you consider this necessary." Provision was made for appending a summary of the history and present condition of the patient. The form of reply was marked "Confidential" and bore the further note: "The information on this form is strictly confidential and for your own use only." It simply stated: "I have examined your patient . . . and beg to report as follows . . ." It was the opinion of the committee that such a form would cover most cases, although there might still be some exploitation, which no ingenuity could circumvent.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND HEALTH SERVICES

The Hospitals Committee considered the resolutions of the last Annual Representative Meeting deploring the continued deferment or inaction on the part of various local authorities and the staffs of voluntary hospitals with regard to bringing about the unification of health services under the Local Government Act, also the failure of some authorities to give proper effect to the intention in recent legislation that there should be co-operation with and use of existing voluntary organizations providing for various medical services. It was pointed out that an exhaustive inquiry had been made by the Association last year, and that in view of the way in which the attention of local authorities was at present monopolized by economies in administration, a further inquiry was not likely to present a very different picture. It was agreed, however, that in co-operation with the Public Health Committee of the Association, the inquiry should be continued and a report made to the next Representative Meeting. A member pointed out that, by one of the sections of the recent Local Government Act,[1] power was given to Public Health Committees to co-opt members from outside; under former Acts such committees had no power of co-option. Very few committees in the country, however, have exercised this power, although the Minister of Health has indicated his desire that they should do so.

PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS AT HOSPITALS

The committee considered at some length what was said to be the increasing practice of members of the medical staff at certain hospitals to arrange for private consultations at the hospitals, for which they receive fees. Inquiries had been made at certain hospitals on the London border where this practice obtained, and very full and candid replies were placed before the committee. It was stated that at all events in some places the system had worked well; it had been to the convenience of the patients as well as to the members of the staff, but its possible abuses were very present to the minds of the committee. In some instances it appeared to be one of the privileges of the out-patient staff at the hospital to see private patients on ordinary out-patient days in a room which the hospital provided, the patients either being picked out by the almoner as those who ought to pay a fee, or being sent by the local practitioners for consultation.

It was pointed out in the committee that this was really an old practice. At the time when the consultant area in London was Finsbury Square it was the regular practice for private consultations to take place at the various hospitals. The practice dropped out as the consultants moved further west, but it apparently continued or had been revived in the London suburbs. It was assumed that the governing bodies of the hospitals had given permission for it to take place, and that the requirements of the hospital patients had been sufficiently safeguarded. It was also recognized that on occasion a special examination with apparatus only available at the hospital might be desirable if arrangements could be made with the hospital authorities; also that it was a convenience for some patients to attend the hospital rather than visit the consultant's private address.

The objections, however, were also stated. In most of the large hospitals it is not expected that a patient going there should be charged a fee save that which is authorized by the governing body for payment to the hospital itself. An unsatisfactory feature was felt to be that the practice obtained in those hospitals which had a very restricted staff, and thus that it was against the spirit of the Hospital Policy, even if it did not infringe the letter of it. The committee explored certain safeguards and limitations which might be proposed, but decided that the matter should be further discussed at the next meeting.

ANOTHER CLOSED PANEL

Another question of closed or restricted panel came before the committee in the shape of a nursing home scheme arranged by the members of the staff of a particular voluntary hospital for the local branch of the National Association of Local Government Officers. The subscription to the scheme is twopence a week, with a waiting period of eighteen months before benefit becomes operative, after which any member requiring a major operation can have the inclusive services free of charge at a special nursing home in the town, although if he desires an operating surgeon other than those available under the scheme he is required to bear the difference in the cost of the fees—namely, fifteen guineas. The point of objection taken was that the scheme was confined

[1] Section 14 (3): "A (Public Health) Committee . . . may include members who are not members of the council by which the committee is appointed, so, however, that two-thirds at least of the members of the committee shall be members of the council; and any such committee may, subject to any directions of the council, appoint such and so many subcommittees consisting either wholly or partly of members of the committee as the committee thinks fit."

to members of the staff of the voluntary hospital (though it was stated that these included all those in the town who practised surgery), and a further point of objection was that although the bulk of the members of the organization were of the status of junior clerks, it included a few officials who had very high incomes. It was stated in the course of the discussion that a similar movement was taking place in another town in the county. The feeling of the committee was that such a scheme contravened the provisions of the Hospital Policy which dealt with private patients admitted into separate hospitals or institutions, where it was laid down that the patient should be allowed to select any available registered medical practitioner as his attendant. It was also objected to on the score of the absence of an income limit. It was agreed that a reply in this sense should be sent to the secretary of the honorary medical staff of the voluntary hospital concerned, who had asked whether there was any objection to this scheme being extended to surrounding districts.

THE BRITISH PHARMACOPOEIA, 1932

POSITION OF PRESCRIBERS IN SCOTLAND

It should be noted that the statement appearing in the *Supplement* of October 8th dealing with the position of insurance and private practitioners relative to prescribing for their different categories of patients applies only to England and Wales.

On that occasion it was emphasized that so far as insurance practitioners and insured persons were concerned the standards and formulae of the *British Pharmacopoeia*, 1914, would obtain, unless otherwise indicated upon the prescription, as and from October 1st, 1932, and until March 1st, 1933. This decision, however, applies only to England and Wales, whereas in Scotland the Department of Health has issued to Panel Committees and to all insurance practitioners a memorandum acquainting them with the chief innovations in the nomenclature and dosage introduced in the new *Pharmacopoeia*. This memorandum states that its main object is to present data relating to the more common medicaments in current use in national health insurance practice so as to enable practitioners to conform expeditiously with the changes, whilst at the same time directing their attention to those parts of the *British Pharmacopoeia*, 1932, deserving of special study at leisure. The selection, classification, and arrangement of drugs in the memorandum have been adopted as a means of affording a ready reference for the busy practitioner.

It must, however, be appreciated that in Scotland as and from October 1st, 1932, any prescription given by an insurance practitioner to an insured person will be dispensed by the chemists in accordance with the standards and formulae of the *B.P.*, 1932, unless otherwise stated in the face of the prescription.

The position so far as the private practitioner is concerned is exactly the same in Scotland as in England, of which a full explanation has already appeared in the note published on October 8th.

DANGEROUS DRUGS ACTS: WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORIZATION

The Home Secretary gives notice that he has withdrawn from Frederick Richard Lanfear Miller, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Pembridge Villas, Notting Hill Gate, W., the authority granted by the Regulations made under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, to medical practitioners to be in possession of, and to supply, raw opium, coca leaves, and Indian hemp, and the drugs and preparations to which Part III of the Act applies, and has also directed that it shall not be lawful for Dr. Miller to give prescriptions for the purposes of the Dangerous Drugs (Consolidation) Regulations, 1928. Any person supplying Dr. Miller with raw opium, coca leaves, or Indian hemp or any of the drugs or preparations to which Part III of the Act applies, or supplying the drugs on a prescription signed by him, will be committing an offence.

British Medical Association

CURRENT NOTES

The Guildhall Reception: Commemorative Luncheon

On October 13th a luncheon party at Painters' Hall, Little Trinity Lane, E.C., was presided over by Colonel R. J. Blackham, chairman of the Special Reception (B.M.A.) Committee of the Corporation of the City of London. This agreeable occasion was in the nature of a "wind up" of the City's part in the Centenary celebrations last July. Colonel Blackham had beside him Lord Dawson of Penn, President of the British Medical Association, and the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Maurice Jenks. The health of the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and Corporation of the City of London was proposed by Sir Holburt Waring, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and the Lord Mayor responded. In acknowledging the toast of "The Guests," proposed by Sir Vansittart Bowater, Sir Henry Brackenbury conveyed the thanks of the British Medical Association to the Corporation and to the special committee and its chairman for their splendid contribution to the success of the Centenary Meeting. The City of London, he said, was recognized as a stage for important events and as a supporter of good movements, and the Guildhall conversazione on the evening of Wednesday, July 27th, would never be forgotten by any who had the good fortune to be present. The chairman's health was proposed by the Lord Mayor, who said that the real object of the gathering was to do honour to Colonel Blackham, who had had charge of the reception, and whose many-sided qualities contributed much to its brilliant success. He read the terms of a resolution recording the committee's appreciation, and handed on their behalf to Colonel Blackham a gift in memory of the occasion. Colonel Blackham, in reply, paid tribute to his fellow committeemen, who had worked together like a band of brothers. Among the guests at the luncheon were Dr. E. K. Le Fleming, Chairman of the Representative Body, Mr. N. Bishop Harman, Treasurer, Dr. Ernest Worley, honorary general secretary of the Centenary Meeting, Mr. H. S. Souttar, Mr. Comyns Berkeley, and the chief officials of the Association.

Association Notices

PRIZES FOR CLINICAL PAPERS BY STUDENTS AND NEWLY QUALIFIED PRACTITIONERS

The Council of the British Medical Association has decided to offer prizes for short clinical papers by fourth and subsequent year medical students and newly qualified practitioners, under the heading "Describe three cases of medical interest which have been under your care and, for each case, discuss differential diagnosis, aetiology, methods of prevention (where available), treatment, and prognosis." For this purpose the medical schools of the British Empire have been grouped by the Council as follows:

GROUP 1.—University of Aberdeen; University of St. Andrews.

GROUP 2.—Queen's University of Belfast; University of Dublin (Trinity College); National University of Ireland (University College, Cork; University College, Dublin; University College, Galway); Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (Schools of Surgery).

GROUP 3.—University of Birmingham; University of Bristol; University of Wales.

GROUP 4.—University of Durham; University of Leeds; University of Sheffield.

GROUP 5.—University of Edinburgh; School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges, Edinburgh.

Group 6.—University of Glasgow; Anderson College of Medicine; Queen Margaret College (School of Medicine for Women); St. Mungo's College.

Group 7.—University of Liverpool; Victoria University of Manchester.

Group 8.—London: Charing Cross Hospital Medical School; King's College Hospital Medical School.

Group 9.—London: Guy's Hospital Medical School; London Hospital Medical College.

Group 10.—London: London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women; University College Hospital Medical School.

Group 11.—London: Middlesex Hospital Medical School; St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.

Group 12.—London: St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College; St. George's Hospital Medical School.

Group 13.—London: St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School; Westminster Hospital Medical School.

Group 14.—The medical schools of the Empire other than those of the British Isles.

For each group a prize consisting of a certificate signed by the President of the Association, together with a cheque for £10, will be available. Each clinical paper, which must not exceed 3,500 words (equivalent to about 2½ pages of the *British Medical Journal*), will be adjudicated upon by examiners appointed by the Council from among members of the Association not resident in the area of the group in question. If in the case of any group no clinical paper received is considered by the examiners to be deserving of a prize, no prize will be awarded in that group. Each paper must be plainly written or typed on foolscap (one side only), and reach the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, not later than April 15th, 1933. Each paper must be signed by a pseudonym only, and be accompanied by a signed statement that it has been the *bona fide* work of the competitor, and in what capacity he or she comes within the definition (as above) of those eligible to compete, together with particulars of his or her full name, pseudonym, address, medical school, and (if on *Medical Register*) month and year in which the examination qualifying for registration was passed.

SIR CHARLES HASTINGS CLINICAL PRIZE

The Sir Charles Hastings Clinical Prize, which consists of a certificate and a money award of fifty guineas, is again open for competition in respect of 1933. The following are the regulations governing the award:

1. The prize is established by the Council of the British Medical Association for the promotion of systematic observation, research, and record in general practice; it includes a money award of the value of fifty guineas.

2. Any member of the Association who is engaged in general practice is eligible to compete for the prize.

3. The work submitted must include personal observations and experiences collected by the candidate in general practice, and a high order of excellence will be required. If no essay entered is of sufficient merit no award will be made.

4. Essays, or whatever form the candidate desires his work to take, must be sent to the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, not later than December 31st, 1932, and the prize will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held in July, 1933.

5. No study or essay that has been published in the medical press or elsewhere will be considered eligible for the prize, and a contribution offered in one year cannot be accepted in any subsequent year unless it includes evidence of further work.

6. If any question arises in reference to the eligibility of the candidate, or the admissibility of his or her essay, the decision of the Council on any such point shall be final.

7. Each essay must be typewritten or printed, must be distinguished by a motto, and must be accompanied by a sealed envelope marked with the same motto, and enclosing the candidate's name and address.

8. The writer of the essay to whom the prize is awarded may, on the initiative of the Science Committee, be requested to prepare a paper on the subject for publication in the *British Medical Journal*, or for presentation to the appropriate Section of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

9. Inquiries relative to the prize should be addressed to the Medical Secretary.

MIDDLEMORE PRIZE, 1933

The Middlemore Prize consists of a cheque for £50 and an illuminated certificate, and was founded in 1880 by the late Richard Middlemore, F.R.C.S., of Birmingham, to be awarded for the best essay or work on any subject which the Council of the British Medical Association may from time to time select in any department of ophthalmic medicine or surgery. The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to consider an award of the prize in the year 1933 to the author of the best essay on the following subject, "The treatment of glaucoma." Essays submitted in competition must reach the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, on or before December 31st, 1932. Each essay must be signed with a motto and accompanied by a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the motto and containing the name and address of the author. In the event of no essay being of sufficient merit the prize will not be awarded in 1933.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

Birmingham Branch: West Bromwich and Smethwick Division.—The annual meeting of the West Bromwich and Smethwick Division will be held at the West Bromwich and District General Hospital, Edward Street, West Bromwich, on Thursday, October 27th. Light refreshments 8 p.m., business 8.30 p.m. Election of officers for 1933; letter from West Bromwich Social Service Committee; report of Committee on Maternal Mortality and Morbidity—preliminary announcement; report of representatives to the Centenary Meeting; paper by Mr. F. Brayshaw Gilhespy—Recent aids to diagnosis and treatment in ear and throat work.

Dundee Branch.—A meeting of the Dundee Branch will be held in the Physiology Class Room, University College, Dundee, on Wednesday, October 26th, at 8.30 p.m. Lecture (illustrated), Dr. Arthur Tatchell: "The work and experiences of a ship surgeon in the Far East." All members of the profession and their friends are invited to this lecture.

Edinburgh Branch.—The president's reception and dance will be held in the Scottish House, 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, on Tuesday, November 1st, at 8.30 p.m. The official presentation by Dr. G. Keppie Paterson to the Scottish House of a grand piano and orchestral stands will take place at a choral and orchestral concert to be given in the hall on Friday, November 25th, at 8 p.m.; no charge for admission. A collection will be taken on behalf of the B.M.A. charities.

Edinburgh Branch: South-Eastern Counties Division.—The annual dinner of the South-Eastern Counties Division (5s.) will be held at the Buccleuch Arms Hotel, St. Boswells Green, on Wednesday, October 26th, at 8 p.m. Morning dress.

Kent Branch: Isle of Thanet Division.—A meeting of the Isle of Thanet Division will be held at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital on Thursday, November 3rd, at 8.30 p.m. Paper by Mr. George E. Waugh, consulting surgeon, Great Ormond Street Hospital: The eternal anxiety—abdominal pain.

Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Furness Division.—A meeting of the Furness Division will be held, in conjunction with the Barrow Clinical Society, at the Victoria Park Hotel, Barrow, at 8.45 p.m. on Friday, November 4th. Dr. W. H. Oxley: British Medical Association Lecture on "Forethought in midwifery." To be followed by a discussion. Members of any Division or Branch will be welcome.

Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Lancaster Division.—A meeting of the Lancaster Division will be held in the Art Gallery of the Storey Institute, Lancaster, on Friday, November 11th. Dr. Henry Cohen: British Medical Association Lecture—The diagnosis of intracranial tumours.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: City Division.—A clinical meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., on Friday, October 28th, at 4.30 p.m. Mr. C. I. N. Morgan will show cases.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: South Middlesex Division.—A meeting of the South Middlesex Division will be held at St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. H. R. Mandiwall, L.D.S.: The role of oral sepsis in general practice.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: South-West Essex Division.—A clinical meeting of the South-West Essex Division will be held at Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford, on Tuesday, October 25th, at 3.15 p.m.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE DIVISION.—The annual reception and dance of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Division will take place at the College of Medicine on Thursday, November 17th, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. Tickets 5s. each. Arrangements will be made for those desiring to play cards, and there will be facilities for parking cars.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH: NORTH-EAST ULSTER DIVISION.—A meeting of the North-East Ulster Division will be held in the Café, Coleraine, on Friday, October 28th, at 4 p.m. Paper by Dr. J. A. L. Johnston: The Zondek-Aschheim reaction for pregnancy. The chairman invites members to tea at 3.45 p.m.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—A ladies' night, with dinner and dance, has been arranged by the Portsmouth Division at Kimbell's Café on Friday, October 28th.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH. — The autumn intermediate meeting of the South-Western Branch will be held in the Library of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital on Thursday, October 27th, at 4 p.m. Address by Mr. W. H. C. Romanis: Diverticulitis and carcinoma of the colon. The thirty-ninth Exeter and South-Western Medical Dinner will be held at the New London Hotel, Exeter, the same evening at 7.45.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: WEST SUFFOLK DIVISION.—In connexion with the post-graduate course arranged at the West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, the Petrolagar Laboratories, on Saturday, October 29th, at 8.45 p.m., will show motion pictures.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—In connexion with Hospital Sunday on October 30th, a special service for doctors and nurses will be held at Brighton Parish Church at 6.30 p.m., when the Rev. C. H. Valentine will preach.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH

A general meeting of the Border Counties Branch was held for the first time at the Kendal County Hospital on September 22nd. Dr. D. C. WELSH, the president, who was in the chair, welcomed members from all parts of the large Branch area.

A British Medical Association Lecture was delivered by Dr. J. W. McNEE, entitled "Recent advances in blood diseases." After the lecture questions were asked and replied to, and the subject was discussed by many present. On the motion of Mr. E. CRAIG DUNLOP, seconded by Dr. G. R. LIVINGSTON, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer for his interesting address. The members present were subsequently entertained most hospitably to tea.

DUNDEE BRANCH

A meeting of the Dundee Branch was held in the Physiology Classroom, University College, Dundee, on October 4th, when Dr. W. E. FOGGIE was in the chair. Reports and descriptions of the Centenary Meeting in London were given by those present on that occasion.

Dr. J. MARTIN SMITH delivered a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, entitled "A cruise to Iceland," which proved to be most enjoyable and interesting. The lecturer gave a very vivid description of Iceland, its natural resources, climate, people, arts, and history. Some beautiful slides of the great Spitzbergen glacier were shown, together with photographs of the midnight sun, views of Northern Norway, and life on board ship. At the conclusion he was heartily thanked by the CHAIRMAN, who remarked upon the great treat missed by those who did not turn up at the meeting.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION

An ordinary meeting of the South-Eastern Counties Division was held on October 12th in the Railway Hotel, Newtown St. Boswells. Dr. Davidson was appointed auditor in succession to Dr. Alexander. With a view to securing a better attendance at the annual dinner, it was agreed that the hour should be postponed till 8 p.m.

Dr. BORTHWICK gave a most interesting address on medical mission work in Central China. He described graphically the nature of the medical work carried out in hospitals and in the homes of the people; cited illustrative cases of the official difficulties doctors had to contend with; and mentioned the formation of a national medical society for China. On the motion of Dr. DAVIDSON a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Borthwick for his address.

ESSEX BRANCH: SOUTH ESSEX DIVISION

The annual general meeting of the South Essex Division was held at the Queen's Hotel, Westcliff, on September 11th. Before proceeding to the business of the meeting the chairman, Dr. D. D. EVANS, referred to the sad loss sustained by the Division in the death that morning of Dr. S. Bridger, one of their oldest and most loyal supporters.

The following officers were elected for the year 1932–3:

Chairman, Dr. W. H. Stephen. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. D. D. Evans. *Chairman-Elect*, Dr. S. Wilson. *Secretary*, Dr. J. F. Walker. *Assistant Secretary*, Dr. H. F. Hiscocks. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Joan Lush.

At the conclusion of the business of the meeting Dr. JOAN LUSH gave an interesting and instructive account of her impressions of the B.M.A. Centenary Meeting. This was followed by an entertaining and witty address by the chairman, Dr. W. H. STEPHEN, entitled "Reminiscences of forty years in general practice."

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH

The annual meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch was held at the Mearnskirk Hospital on May 17th, when the president, Dr. JAMES MCQUEEN, occupied the chair; about eighty members were present. The annual report of the Branch was approved, and the treasurer's report and balance sheet was passed.

The CHAIRMAN then inducted Dr. James Craig as president for the ensuing year, and invested him with the badge of office. Dr. CRAIG proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring president for his valuable services throughout his year in the chair, and this was heartily responded to by the members. Dr. MCQUEEN, in returning thanks, made kindly reference to the help he had received from the other officers, which had rendered his duties very light.

The following officers were elected:

President-Elect, Dr. E. Hamilton Cramb. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. W. J. Richard and Dr. James McQueen. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Andrew Allison. *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. John S. Aitken. *Auditors*, Dr. James Forrester and Dr. P. Maguire.

It was unanimously agreed to record in the minutes the warm appreciation of the work done by the retiring secretary, and the hearty thanks of the Branch for the services he had rendered in that office during the past three years. Dr. HENDERSON made a suitable acknowledgement.

The sum of £5 6s. 3d. was collected for the Sir Charles Hastings Memorial Fund.

After some discussion the question of the date of the annual business meeting was referred to the Branch Council, with powers.

The CHAIRMAN expressed the thanks of the members to the Corporation of Glasgow, the medical officer of health, and the staff of Mearnskirk Hospital for their hospitality, and for the clinical demonstration provided for the Branch.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: BARNET DIVISION

A very successful social dinner for members of the Division and ladies was held at Hadley Wood Golf Club on October 4th. Twenty-three persons attended, and the evening passed off most pleasantly.

KENT BRANCH: BROMLEY DIVISION

A meeting of the Bromley Division was held at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley, on October 13th, when Dr. T. DAVIDSON MILLER was in the chair.

Mr. CECIL ROWNTREE, surgeon to the Cancer Hospital, gave an extremely interesting and practical address on the treatment of varicose veins and allied conditions by the family practitioner. After questions had been asked by members of the audience, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Rowntree concluded the proceedings.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION

A meeting of the South Middlesex Division took place at St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on October 5th, when Professor C. A. PANNETT of St. Mary's Hospital gave an interesting address on some acute abdominal conditions, illustrated by excellent charcoal drawings. There was no general business to transact.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION

The first meeting of the session of the South-West Essex Division was held at Livingstone College on October 4th, when seventeen members were present. Mr. GALLETLY,

gynaecologist at the Connaught Hospital, gave a description of vaginal displacements and their treatment, illustrated by a very clear film of Fothergill's operation. On the motion of Dr. JAYS, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Galletly for his address.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: TORQUAY DIVISION

A general meeting of the Torquay Division was held in the Torbay Hospital on September 22nd, under the chairmanship of Dr. E. M. MOLESWORTH.

Discussion took place on the desirability of holding a dinner and dance or similar social function this winter, and it was eventually agreed that this should not be started again just yet, but that consideration of the project should be postponed for another year. It was decided that instead of a social function this winter, arrangements should be made for the Division to be addressed on some medico-political question by an experienced speaker on the subject.

Dr. ERNEST WARD gave his report as representative at the Annual Representative Meeting, 1932. Besides giving his impressions of the Centenary Meeting as a whole, and touching briefly on the many interesting points raised in the Annual Representative Meeting, such as the changes in Poor Law administration, medical patents, the sterilization of mental defectives, etc., Dr. Ward described in detail the fate of the three resolutions proposed by the Division. After some questions on these points had been dealt with, a vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation to Dr. Ward for his able and eloquent representation of the Division, and for his interesting report.

The adequacy of the panel practitioners' capitation fee was considered, as well as the difficulties experienced in getting definite evidence of the amount of work done for the sum paid. A small subcommittee was elected to inquire into the amount of work being done per patient by panel practitioners and others doing contract work, and also into difficulties arising in general practice from various causes in the Torquay district.

SUFFOLK BRANCH

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Branch was held at Felixstowe on September 23rd. The following officers were elected:

President, Dr. W. F. Addey. *President-Elect*, Dr. C. R. Smith. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. P. L. Giuseppi (re-elected).

A learned and most instructive paper was read by Dr. PETRIE of the Lister Institute on recent advances in the serum treatment of disease. Lunch was served at the invitation of the president, and tea at the invitation of the president and Mrs. Addey.

SURREY BRANCH: KINGSTON-ON-THAMES DIVISION

A meeting of the Kingston-on-Thames Division was held on October 11th. Dr. JAMES MENNELL gave a most interesting paper on manipulation, especially with regard to the sacro-iliac and sacro-lumbar joints. A practical demonstration, with model, of the various movements employed proved of such interest that the meeting did not break up until a late hour.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH: SWINDON DIVISION

The opening meeting of the session was held at the Victoria Hospital, Swindon, on September 28th. About twenty-five were present to hear Mr. RUSSELL HOWARD deliver a British Medical Association Lecture on gall-stones. The lecture was greatly enjoyed by all.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: BRADFORD DIVISION

At the first meeting of the session of the Bradford Division, on October 12th, Mr. COLIN MACKENZIE, the new chairman of the Division, had as his first duty the pleasure of presenting to Dr. W. N. West Watson a cheque, subscribed for by members, commemorating his sixteen years' tenure of the post of secretary.

The chairman spoke of the esteem and affection held by members for Dr. West Watson, and of the energy and tact displayed by him in the course of his long service to the Division. He recalled the success of the Association's Annual Meeting in 1924, for the organization of which Dr. West Watson was so largely responsible. Dr. WEST WATSON, in his reply, spoke of the joy he had had in the work, and of the successful co-operation of members of the Division. He appealed for new members, and finally gave a review of the chairmen and lecturers who had officiated in the course of his secretaryship.

The presentation was warmly acclaimed by all present.

National Health Insurance

WARWICKSHIRE PANEL AND LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

The Warwickshire Panel Committee at its meeting at Coventry on September 22nd, with Dr. CHARLES H. GREGORY in the chair, considered a draft memorandum on the subject of the capitation fee which had been prepared by a subcommittee previously appointed. The subcommittee had been in communication with insurance doctors throughout the county, and submitted a synopsis of replies to a detailed questionary issued. The result of the inquiry strongly demonstrated a substantial increase of work and responsibility since the award of 1924, due not merely to increased requirements of the Ministry of Health, but also to an increased and changed demand on the part of the insured patient. In adopting the memorandum and directing its transmission for use by the Insurance Acts Committee, the meeting passed a resolution of appreciation of the part taken by the chairman and the honorary secretary (Mr. Lee Gordon) in its preparation.

Further consideration was given to the desirability of urging the extension of the schedule of drugs which may be prescribed by dispensing doctors at the expense of the Drug Fund, by the addition of certain proprietary preparations. Individual applications for the use of these had from time to time come before the committee of late; but in view of the need for proper conservation of the limited fund available for drugs it was decided not to recommend any present change in the method by which these are obtainable. Further instances of irregular procedure in connexion with the refereeing arrangements were considered. In one instance an approved society had obtained a clinical report from its private referee, a copy of which report had been sent direct by the society to the patient. The Panel Committee, in expressing the view that the conveyance to a patient of a referee's clinical report might well be detrimental to the patient's interests, resolved to represent accordingly to medical headquarters. In dealing with anaesthetists' claims, it was resolved to ask the Insurance Committee to obtain information in future on the claim form as to whether the anaesthetic given was a general or a local one.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

The following books were added to the Library of the British Medical Association during September, 1932.

Beaumont, G. E.: Medicine. 1932.
Birdwood, G. T.: Ante-Natal Advice to the Expectant Mother. 1932.
Blanc, H.: L'Épreuve de la Phénol-Sulfone-Phtaléine (P.S.P.) en Chirurgie Urinaire. 1932.
Bouin, P.: Éléments d'Histologie, ii. 1932.
Burnet, E.: La Lèpre—Légende, Histoire, Actualité. 1932.
Busquet, P.: Laennec. La Guerre des Vénètes. 1931.
Charrier, A., and Loubat, E.: Traitement Chirurgicale de la Tuberculose Pulmonaire. 1932.
Cook, A. R., and Cook, K.: Handbook of Midwifery for Teaching Native Midwives. 1931.
Cope, C.: Robert and Clive. 1931.
Coulter, J. S.: Physical Therapy. 1932.
Crichton-Browne, Sir J.: Doctor's Second Thoughts. 1931.
Crowther, J. G.: Osiris and the Atom. 1932.
Darling, H. C. R.: Elementary Hygiene for Nurses. Fifth edition. 1932.
Davis, J. V.: Laboratory Manual in Anatomy and Physiology. 1932.
Despard, L. L.: Text-book of Massage. Third edition. 1932.
Ferch, J.: Birth Control. 1932.
Fishberg, M.: Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Fourth edition, two volumes. 1932.
Goodall, J. R.: Puerperal Infection. 1932.
Harman, M. T.: Text-book of Embryology. 1932.
Hertzler, A. E.: Surgical Pathology of the Female Generative Organs. 1932.
Irving, F. C.: Expectant Mother's Handbook. 1932.
Kenwrick, E., and Kenwrick, M.: Child from Five to Ten. 1930.
King, C. D.: Psychology of Consciousness. 1932.
King, M.: Recovery of Myself. 1931.
Kisch, B.: Der Herzalternans. 1932.
Landman, J. H.: Human Sterilization. 1932.
Lane, Sir W. A.: New Health for Everyman. 1932.
Lassance, V.: Hypertension Artérielle. 1931.
Little, E. M.: History of the British Medical Association, 1832-1932. 1932.
McConnell, J. W.: Nursing in Nervous Diseases. 1932.

Mansbridge, A.: Margaret McMillan. 1932.
Margolis, H. M.: Conquering Arthritis. 1932.
Martin, C.: Lawson Tait. 1931.
Okland, F.: Is it a Boy? 1932.
Parfitt, J. B.: Operative Dental Surgery. Third edition. 1931.
Philpott, S. J. E.: Fluctuations in Human Output. 1932.
Renshaw, A.: Laboratory Service and General Practitioner. 1932.
Sandon, H.: Food of Protozoa. 1932.
Sicard, J. A., and Forestier, J.: Use of Lipiodol in Diagnosis and Treatment. 1932.
Spillman, L., Verain, M., and Weis, J.: Le *p*H en Dermatologie. 1932.
Stone, E.: Medicine among the American Indians. 1932.
Villaret, M., Saint Girons, F., and Justin-Besançon, L.: La Pression Veineuse Péripherique. 1930.
Villiger, E.: Brain and Spinal Cord. Fourth edition. 1931.
von Hattingberg, H.: Technique of Psycho-analysis. 1932.
Weatherhead, L. D.: Mastery of Sex. 1931.
Welch, A. S.: Clinical Interpretation of Laboratory Reports. 1932.
Williams, J. F.: Personal Hygiene Applied. Fourth edition. 1931.
Woodroffe-Hicks, E.: Solution of the Cancer Problem. 1931.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Commanders J. S. Austin is placed on the retired list with the rank of Surgeon Captain; O. J. M. Kenyon is placed on the retired list at his own request; A. E. P. Cheesman to the *Victory*, for Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander G. G. Newman to be Surgeon Commander.

Surgeon Lieutenants E. E. Malone, T. B. Lynagh, and G. A. Miller to be Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders; H. S. Marks to the *Godetia*; H. G. Wells to the *Veronica*; S. J. Wheeler to the *Berwick*.

T. F. Miles to be Surgeon Lieutenant.

M. G. Ross has entered as Surgeon Lieutenant, and appointed to the *Victory*, for Haslar Hospital, for course.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant S. W. Gabbe (temporary commission) to be Captain.

M. J. Kohane, from a temporary commission, to be Lieutenant (on probation).

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Captain A. Topping to be Major.

Supernumerary for Service with the O.T.C.—K. H. Kenshole (late Officer Cadet Staff Sergeant, University of London Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C.), to be Lieutenant, supernumerary for service with the University of London Contingent, Medical Unit, Senior Division, O.T.C.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

The services of Lieut.-Col. J. B. Hanafin, C.I.E., are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner, Aden, with effect from April 6th, 1932, for employment as Port Health Officer, Aden.

The services of Major P. H. S. Smith are placed at the disposal of the Government of the North-West Frontier Province, for employment in the North-West Frontier Province Jail Department.

Major H. Williamson, O.B.E., appointed substantively to be Agency Surgeon under the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

The services of Captain H. W. Mulligan are placed on foreign service under the Indian Research Fund Association, for appointment as Assistant Director, Malaria Survey of India, Kasauli.

Lieutenant G. Milne to be Captain.

Lieutenant (on probation) J. R. Dogra to be Captain (prov., on probation).

The following officers are confirmed in their appointments on passing the necessary courses of instruction: Lieutenants E. H. Lossing, G. W. Miller, D. G. McCaully.

Lieutenant D. L. Trant has resigned his commission.

Lieutenant (on probation) P. E. Sweeney has relinquished his probationary appointment.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES

The following appointments are announced: E. Cochrane, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer of Health, British Guiana; C. Ramdeholl, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. and H., Medical Officer, British Guiana; D. B. D'Alivis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Inspecting Medical Officer, Ceylon; W. H. Smith, M.B., Ch.B., Deputy Director of Sanitary Service, Zanzibar; R. O. T. Cole, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Nigeria; H. B. Boucher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, The Gambia; P. G. Preston, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer of Health, Turkana Districts, Kenya; E. W. Adcock, M.B., Ch.B., promoted Senior Medical Officer, Nigeria; J. P. Mitchell, M.B., Ch.B., O.B.E., promoted Principal of the Medical School and Medical Superintendent, Mulago, Uganda, vice H. B. Owen, O.B.E., D.S.O. R. D. Mackenzie, M.B.Ed., Immunologist, Nigeria, has resigned.

VACANCIES

BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL, Beckenham.—Consulting Ophthalmologist.
BIRMINGHAM: DUDLEY ROAD HOSPITAL.—J.A.M.O.'s (male).
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EAR AND THROAT HOSPITAL.—A.S.O.
BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) H.P. (2) H.S. (male, unmarried).
BRISTOL EYE DISPENSARY.—Hon. Ophthalmic S.
BURY ST. EDMUNDS: WEST SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Senior R.M.O.
CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.—(1) Hon. Neurologist. (2) Hon. Dermatologist. (3) Hon. Gynaecologist. (4) Hon. Ophthalmic S.
CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Third Resident H.S.
CHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (male).
COLCHESTER: ROYAL EASTERN COUNTIES' INSTITUTION FOR THE MENTALLY DEFECTIVE.—R.A.M.O. (male, unmarried).
CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—A.P.
DARLINGTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Hon. Anaesthetist.
GREAT YARMOUTH GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male, unmarried).
HERTFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Hon. Ophthalmic S.
HOSPITAL FOR EPILEPSY AND PARALYSIS, Maida Vale, N.W.—Hon. S. to Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.
HOVE: LADY CHICHESTER HOSPITAL.—J.H.P. (woman).
HULL: VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—R.H.P. (lady).
LEEDS: GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Anaesthetist.
LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (male, unmarried).
LIVERPOOL HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL.—R.M.O.
LIVERPOOL: ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL.—M.O. for Special Departments and Resident Anaesthetist.
LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.—H.P. at St. Olave's Hospital.
LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL, Stepney Green, E.—(1) R.M.O. (2) J.R.M.O. (3) C.O. (non-resident).
MANCHESTER: CHRISTIE HOSPITAL AND HOLT RADIUM INSTITUTE.—Hon. A.S.
MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—R.M.O. at Barnes Convalescent Hospital, Cheadle.
MEXBOROUGH: MONTAGU HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (lady).
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County M.O.H. (woman).
MINEHEAD AND WEST SOMERSET HOSPITAL.—R.M.O.
NEWCASTLE THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR HOSPITAL.—H.S. (unmarried).
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.—Two Resident Anaesthetists.
NOTTINGHAM: CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—J.A.M.O. (male).
PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—(1) R.S.O. (2) H.S. Males.
PUTNEY HOSPITAL, S.W.—(1) Consultant Ophthalmic S. (2) Consultant Oto-laryngologist.
ROYAL CHEST HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—(1) R.M.O. (2) H.P.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—(1) Surgical Registrar. (2) Medical Registrar. (3) Gynaecological Registrar (woman). (4) First Assistant in Children's Department. (5) A.M.O. in V.D. Department (female).
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, S.E.—Hon. A.S.
ROYAL MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Pendlebury.—R.S.O.
ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, Waterloo Road, S.E.—(1) C.O. (2) H.P. Males.
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN, Leicester Square, W.C.—Two Hon. A.P.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, W.2—Hon. Anaesthetist.
SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Anaesthetist.
SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—Assistant Radiologist at the Dreadnought Hospital.
SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—H.S.
SUTHERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.—Local M.O. for Parish of Eddrachilles.
WEST HAM COUNTY BOROUGH.—Medical Superintendent for Whipps Cross Hospital.
WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Hon. A.S.
WILLESDEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.—R.M.O. at Willesden Municipal Hospital.
YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL.—H.S.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Normanby (Yorks), Whalley (Lancs). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

This list is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars are given. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning. Further unclassified vacancies will be found in the advertising pages.

APPOINTMENTS

GORHAM, A. P., M.B., Ch.B.Brist., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Westbury-on-Trym District, co. Gloucester.

HOUSTON, N. R., M.D., C.M., F.R.C.S.Ed., Honorary Surgeon, Tunbridge Wells and Counties General Hospital.

PARRY, Rupert, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Honorary Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

EAST LONDON CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC, Bell Lane, E.—*Honorary Assistant Psychiatrists:* P. Lionel Goitein, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Amy M. Thoms, M.D., M.R.C.P.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Museum Demonstration: *Mon.*, 5 p.m., Mr. C. P. G. Wakeley, Malignant Tumours of the Alimentary Tract.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Section of Odontology.—Mon., 8 p.m. Presidential Address, Mr. A. E. Rowlett: The Gnathodynamometer and its Uses in Dentistry. Mr. J. D. Cambrook: A Sequestrum of the Palate.

Section of Comparative Medicine.—Wed., 5 p.m. Presidential Address by Mr. W. Horner Andrews. Professor Edward Hindle: The Aetiology of Feline Distemper. Demonstrations by Professor Hindle and Mr. S. J. Edwards.

Section of Urology.—Thurs., 8.30 p.m. Dr. David Band: Chronic Pyelocystitis, with particular reference to the Ketogenic Diet Treatment. Other speakers: Dr. D. Melville Dunlop, Mr. I. Lawson Dick.

Section of Disease in Children.—Fri., 5 p.m. Cases at 4 p.m.

Medico-Legal Society, 11, Chandos Street, W.—*Thurs.*, 8.30 p.m. Sir John Collie: Fraud in Medico-Legal Practice. To be followed by a discussion.

Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—*Mon.*, 8.30 p.m. Discussion: Fractures of the Lower Jaw. To be introduced by Mr. W. Warwick Jones and Sir Harold D. Gillies.

National Council for Mental Hygiene, 11, Chandos Street, W.—*Wed.*, 5.30 p.m. Dr. William Brown: Rationalization.

St. John's Hospital Dermatological Society, 49, Leicester Square, W.C.—*Wed.*, 4.30 p.m., Clinical Cases.

South-West London Medical Society, Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth.—*Wed.*, 9 p.m. Professor W. Langdon Brown: Allergy and some Allergic Diseases.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES

Fellowship of Medicine and Post-Graduate Medical Association, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—At *Medical Society of London*, 11, Chandos Street, W.1: Series of lectures on Renal Disease; Tues., 4 p.m., Mr. Everidge, Surgical Aspects of Haematuria (free to members). *Miller Hospital*, Greenwich, S.E.: Second week of the course in General Medicine and Surgery; all day, Demonstrations, Operations, and Lectures. *St. John's Hospital*, Leicester Square, W.C.: Clinical Instruction daily at 2 and 6 p.m.; Lectures on Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m. *Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital*, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.: All-day course in Diseases of the Ear, Nose, and Throat. *London Light Clinic*, Ranelagh Road, S.W.: Mon. and Wed., 8 to 9 p.m., Lecture-Demonstration on Physical Medicine. *Hospital for Sick Children*, Great Ormond Street, W.C.: Mornings only, Diseases of Children (minimum of 10). *City of London Maternity Hospital*, City Road, E.C.: Sat. and Sun., all day, Week-end Maternity Course. At *10, Bedford Square*, W.C.: Wed., 8.30 p.m., Dr. Knyvett Gordon, Demonstration on Clinical Pathology. These courses are open only to members of the Fellowship.

Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Intensive Course (October 3rd to 29th).

Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, W.—*Thurs.*, 3 p.m., Dr. Blake Pritchard, Peripheral Neuritis.

King's College Hospital Medical School, Denmark Hill, S.E.—*Thurs.*, 9 p.m., Dr. Charles Newman, Dysfunction of the Gall-bladder.

London School of Dermatology, St. John's Hospital, 49, Leicester Square, W.C.—*Tues.*, 5 p.m., Dr. A. M. H. Gray, Xanthoma, Herpes. *Thurs.*, 5 p.m., Dr. K. Sibley, Principles of Treatment—Local.

National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.—*Mon.* to *Fri.*, 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. *Mon.*, *Tues.*, and *Thurs*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Gordon Holmes, Cranial Nerves and Special Senses. *Wed.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Collier, Clinical Demonstration. *Fri.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Bernard Hart, The Psychoneuroses.

Royal Institute of Public Health, 23, Queen Square, W.C.—*Wed.*, 4 p.m., Dr. D. Chalmers Watson, Food and Problems of Nutrition in Regard to Preventive Medicine. *Thurs.*, 4 p.m., Professor R. J. A. Berry, Mental Defectiveness—Medical and Social Considerations.

St. Paul's Hospital for Genito-Urinary Diseases, Endell Street, W.C.—*Wed.*, 4.30 p.m., Mr. C. H. Mills, Interesting Urological Cases.

St. Peter's Hospital for Stone, etc., Henrietta Street, W.C.—*Mon.* to *Sat.*, Post-Graduate Course.

South-West London Post-Graduate Association, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.—*Wed.*, 4 p.m., Dr. H. J. Churchill, Anaesthetics in General Practice.

West London Post-Graduate College, Hammersmith Road, W.—Daily, 2 p.m., Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patient Departments. *Mon.*, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Skin Department, Surgical Wards; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eye and Gynaecological Out-patients; 4.15 p.m., Mr. Sangster Simmonds, Surgical Lecture. *Tues.*, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Medical and Surgical Demonstrations; 2 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patients; 4.15 p.m., Lecture, Mr. Hamblen Thomas, Bronchoscopy and Oesophagoscopy. *Wed.*, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Medical Wards, Children's Out-patients; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eye Out-patients; 4.45 p.m., Venereal Diseases Demonstration. *Thurs.*, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Neurological Out-patients, Fracture Demonstration; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eye and Genito-Urinary Out-patients. *Fri.*, 10 a.m., Skin Department, Medical Wards; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patients. *Sat.*, 10 a.m., Medical Wards, Children's Out-patients, Surgical Wards. The lectures at 4.15 p.m. are open to all medical practitioners without fee.

Liverpool University Clinical School Ante-Natal Clinics.—Royal Infirmary: *Mon.* and *Thurs.*, 10.30 a.m. Maternity Hospital: *Mon.*, *Tues.*, *Wed.*, *Thurs.*, and *Fri.*, 11.30 a.m.

Manchester: Ancoats Hospital.—*Thurs.*, 4.15 p.m., Mr. P. G. McEvedy, Carcinoma Colon.

Manchester Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Throat and Chest.—*Wed.*, 4.30 p.m., Mr. E. S. Burt Hamilton, Nasal Suppuration.

Manchester Royal Infirmary. — *Tues.*, 4.15 p.m., Mr. D. L. Sewell, Cancer of the Larynx and its Treatment by Radium. *Fri.*, 4.15 p.m., Dr. T. H. Oliver, Demonstration of Medical Cases.

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Diary of Central Meetings

October

21	Fri.	Dominions, India, Colonies, and Dependencies Committee, 2.30 p.m.
25	Tues.	Arrangements Committee, 2 p.m.
26	Wed.	Finance Committee, 2 p.m.
		Arthritis Committee, 3 p.m.
28	Fri.	Consulting Pathologists Group Committee, 2.15 p.m.

November.

9	Wed.	**Council**, 10 a.m.
11	Fri.	Ophthalmic Committee, 2.30 p.m.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS

Elliot.—At Liverpool, on October 13th, the wife of J. A. Elliot, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., a son.

MacDonnell.—On October 5th, at 5, Upper Mount Street Crescent, Dublin (nursing home), to Sheila, wife of J. J. MacDonnell, M.B., of Avoca, Hook, Surbiton, a son.

MARRIAGES

McFarland—Lynch.—On September 22nd, 1932, at Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church, Londonderry, by the Rev. S. McVicker, B.A., assisted by the Rev. S. J. Parker, B.A., Dr. George Gibson McFarland, "The Croft," Old Whittington, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, son of the late John McFarland and Mrs. McFarland, The Castle, Newtowncunningham, co. Donegal, to Minnie, daughter of the late George Lynch, Newbuildings, co. Derry, and Mrs. E. McCrea, 55, Clarendon Street, Londonderry.

McMillan—Baxter.—At St. Polycarp's Parish Church, Finaghy, Belfast, by the Rev. F. J. Mitchell, B.A. (by special licence), Robert Chichester McMillan, M.C., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., to Emily Baxter, both of Belfast. Present address, "Lancourt," 34, Maryville Park, Belfast.

Roberts—Naylor.—On Saturday, October 15th, at St. Peter's Church, Harborne, Alfred Llewelyn, son of Mr. Llewelyn and Mrs. Roberts of 388, Stockport Road, Bredbury, Cheshire, to Muriel Irene Horsfall Naylor, M.B., D.P.H., eldest daughter of the late Dr. Joseph Naylor of Tipton, Staffs, and Mrs. Alice Naylor of 26, Wentworth Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

DEATHS

Bailey.—On October 10th, 1932, suddenly, at 100, Rugby Road, Brighton, Henry James Bailey, M.B., C.M., aged 67 years.

Graham.—At 33, Brighton Road, Coulsdon, Surrey, on October 7th, 1932, Gerald Francis Graham, *M.C.*, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., aged 36.

Laurence.—Suddenly, at Torquay, on October 11th, 1932, Bertram Eustace Laurence, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Waveney, Cliff Road, Barton-on-Lea, Hants.

Masson.—George Blake Masson, L.R.C.P. and S.Ed. (late of Alfriston), retired Lieutenant-Colonel R.A.M.C., at Litlington, Sussex. Aged 72 years.

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